Table 98. Persons employed in health service sites: United States, selected years 1970–2002

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Site	1970	1980	1990	1995 ¹	1997	1998	1999	2000 ²	2001	2002
	Number of persons in thousands									
All employed civilians	76,805	99,303	117,914	124,900	129,558	131,463	133,488	136,891	136,933	136,485
All health service sites	4,246	7,339	9,447	10,928	11,525	11,504	11,646	11,742	12,110	12,653
Offices and clinics of physicians	477	777	1,098	1,512	1,559	1,581	1,624	1,697	1,799	1,907
of dentists Offices and clinics	222	415	580	644	662	666	694	676	699	740
of chiropractors ³ Hospitals Nursing and personal care	19 2,690	40 4,036	90 4,690	99 4,961	118 5,130	127 5,116	142 5,117	124 5,092	117 5,270	138 5,340
facilities Other health service sites	509 330	1,199 872	1,543 1,446	1,718 1,995	1,755 2,301	1,801 2,213	1,786 2,283	1,737 2,414	1,771 2,454	1,942 2,585
	Percent of employed civilians									
All health service sites	5.5	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.8	9.3
	Percent distribution									
All health service sites	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Offices and clinics of physicians	11.2	10.6	11.6	13.8	13.5	13.7	13.9	14.5	14.9	15.1
of dentists	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.8
Offices and clinics of chiropractors ³	0.4 63.4	0.5 55.0	1.0 49.6	0.9 45.4	1.0 44.5	1.1 44.5	1.2 43.9	1.1 43.4	1.0 43.5	1.1 42.2
facilities Other health service sites	12.0 7.8	16.3 11.9	16.3 15.3	15.7 18.3	15.2 20.0	15.7 19.2	15.3 19.6	14.8 20.6	14.6 20.3	15.3 20.4

Data for years prior to 1995 are not strictly comparable with data from 1995 onwards due to a redesign of the Current Population Survey.

NOTES: Employment is full- or part-time work. Totals exclude persons in health-related occupations who are working in nonhealth industries, as classified by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, such as pharmacists employed in drugstores, school nurses, and nurses working in private households. Totals include Federal, State, and county health workers. In 1970–82, employed persons were classified according to the industry groups used in the 1970 Census of Population. In 1983–91, persons were classified according to the system used in the 1980 Census of Population. Beginning in 1992 persons were classified according to the system used in the 1990 Census of Population. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census: 1970 Census of Population, occupation by industry. Subject Reports. Final Report PC(2)-7C. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, Oct. 1972; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Labor Force Statistics Derived from the Current Population Survey: A Databook, Vol. I. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office, Sept. 1982; Employment and Earnings, January issue 1986, 1991-2003. U.S. Government Printing Office, Jan. 1986, 1991-2003; American Chiropractic Association: Unpublished data.

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²Starting in 2000, 2000-based population estimates are used as survey controls. See Appendix I, Current Population Survey.
³Data for 1980 are from the American Chiropractic Association; data for all other years are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.